

We Call Them “Non-traditional Ag Students”

For years, the FFA organization had members who were **farm kids** – young men, and later women, who had their **roots in farming**. Many of them had responsibilities on the farm related to FFA projects before and after school. That is not the case for **Heather Hamilton**, Kuna High School FFA member in a rapidly growing Ada County community.

Heather is called a non-traditional ag student. In other words, **Heather does not live on a farm**; she lives in town and became involved in the FFA during in freshmen year. Every FFA student is required to have a Supervised Agriculture Enterprise (SAE). Heather selected a work experience and a sheep production enterpreneurship. Currently she rents land from another student and together they developed a partnership breeding, raising and selling registered Suffolk and Lincoln sheep. Heather has set an example for other students who live in subdivisions or in areas where they cannot have the traditional agriculture project.

Heather is an outstanding student and very involved in the FFA. Her FFA achievement list is long:

State Foods Team – 2001	State Dairy Team – 2001, 2002
National Dairy Team – 2002	State Soils Team – 2000, 2001
National Soils Team – 2002	State FFA Degree – 2002
District Public Speaking Winner – 2002	
State Public Speaking – 2 nd Place	
State Parliamentary Procedure Team – 2000, 2001	
National Parliamentary Procedure Team – 2001	

Heather has held the offices of Chapter Reporter and Chapter Vice President. She has **earned 12 credits from the College of Southern Idaho** through a dual enrollment in the tech prep program.

Heather is a town girl with the **love of agriculture** in her heart and has demonstrated it through the achievements and honors she has received in the FFA.

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